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Entry Requirements for Live Domestic Poultry from Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Affected States

Due to the recent determination of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in several states those states are classified as a HPAI affected state for live domestic fowl entering Texas and they must meet the requirements provided below:

The following states are currently classified as a HPAI affected state: Arkansas, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California, Minnesota, Missouri and Kansas,

- 1.) Avian Influenza negative test results within 72 hours of entry by either of the following methods:
 - a.) a minimum of 30 birds per flock are serologically negative to an ELISA or AGID test for Avian Influenza (Individual tests are required if shipment is less than 30 birds), or
 - b.) a minimum of 10 birds (e.g., two pools of 5 birds per house) are tested negative on tracheal swabs to a RRT-PCR test (Individual tests are required if shipment is less than 10 birds)
- 2.) A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) listing the general description of the birds, test date, test results, and name of testing laboratory. The CVI should include a statement that reads, "*These birds have not originated from an area or a flock where High Pathogenic Avian Influenza is known to exist*"
- 3.) Specific permission must be granted by the Commission prior to entry. Request can be made by calling 1-800-550-8242 Ext. 777 or fax a request to the TAHC Permits Department with the A.I. test documents and CVI to 512-719-0729.
- 4.) Exceptions to these requirements are baby poultry which have not been fed or watered if from a National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) Avian Influenza clean or equivalent hatchery, and accompanied by NPIP Form 9-3 or Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Form 17-6, or have an approved "Commuter Poultry Flock Agreement" on file with the state of origin and the commission.

They will remain in effect until the state is no longer classified as HPAI Affected.

Poultry Shipments must meet all other test requirements for entry into Texas and that can be found at:

http://www.tahc.texas.gov/regs/EntryRequirements_Poultry.pdf

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